GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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PURCHASE OF MINING MACHINES FROM BRITAIN
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Coal India Ltd. propose to purchase some coal mining machines from Britain which are out of use in their coal mines;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether usefulness of these machines have been examined in the country; and

(d): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, CIL invited global tenders forintroduction of new technology(use of continuous miners in conjuction with shuttle cars and roof bolters) in certain mines. After finalisation of tenders, two contracts have been entered for Chirimiri and Vindhya mines of SECL with M/s. Joy Kier and M/sLong Airdox respectively. Two more contracts are under finalisation for Tandsi mine of WCL and Pinoura mine of SECL.

(c) & (d): Continuous miner technology is not in use at present in the mines of CIL although they are in extensive use in Australia, South Africa and USA. The contract is on risk/gain sharing basis.